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PLANT NOW FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

W. W. Felgate gave a valuable and interesting talk before the Woman's club on Monday on the subject of fall planting for beautification. He spoke primarily on the subject of securing blossoms for the spring flower show and incidentally gave some expert advice upon planting for civic beauty, both immediate and for generations to come.

Particular stress was laid by Mr. Felgate upon the necessity of planting all seeds for spring flowering at once. He advised that the soil should be spaded and watered and then left for three days before putting in seeds. In addition to giving a list of seeds and bulbs for immediate planting he advised that different people club together for the purchase of bulbs, as the cost would be reduced at least one-third in that manner. In addition to the spring and flower shows, Mr. Felgate suggested the holding of a mid-season fair in August when asters are at their best.

Plants are Offered

Mr. Felgate generously offered to provide club members with a large supply of young plants of various kinds which he has on hand. These he will send to the club house on the occasion of the next meeting, December 14. It is hoped that all members will be present at that meeting, as there will be an attractive musical program.

Following is a list of seeds suggested by Mr. Felgate as suitable for immediate planting:

Autumninum (all varieties), Dimorpha, Eschscholtzia, Acrochroium, Alyssum, Bellis, Calendula, Candy Tuft, Cornflower, Annual Chrysanthemums, Clarkia, Dianthus, Godetia, Larkspur, Linum, Annual Lupine, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Nigella, Pansy (must be plants), Petunia, Phlox Drummondii, Poppy (all sorts), Rhodantha, Stocks, Sweet Peas, Bulbs, Hyacinth (plant early in January), Narcissus, Daffodils (in January), Anemone, Ranunculus (soak bulbs two hours), Spanish Iris (soak bulbs two hours), Annunciation Lily, Gladiolus (small variety).

ENJOYABLE CLUB SESSION

Monday's session of the club was the "Fifth Monday" meeting. That the fifth Monday in the month, when one occurs, is one of the regular meeting days seems not to be generally understood and the attendance was unusually small. This was regrettable, inasmuch as the program, while informal, was entertaining and highly instructive.

Reports were heard from chairmen of various committees. Mrs. Dennison, the treasurer, reported the amount of cash on hand as \$324.25. Mrs. Harriet Wright reported on the renting of the club house and said that of the cash on hand \$101 had been received from rentals.

Miss Katherine Page gave a little talk on the subject of the proposed ladies' minstrel show to be given early in January. Her remarks resulted in a contagion of enthusiasm among those present. It was apparent that Miss Page thoroughly understands her vocation, and this fact, together with the abundance of "actor talent" in Sierra Madre, thought to assure the success of the event.

At the close of the club session the members adjourned to the tea room, where two new members, Mrs. Sharon from Long Beach, and Mrs. Sperry from New York, were made welcome "over the tea cups."

Arrangements for the meeting on December 14 are in charge of Mrs. B. H. Kuhn, assisted by Mrs. H. I. Hawkshurst. All club members are urged to be present for the fine musical program which will be provided. A full discussion of the minstrel enterprise is also desired at that time.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

"Obligations and Rewards of Christianity," will be the subject discussed on Sunday morning, by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Hannaford, of the Congregational church.

In the evening he will speak on "Strength and Courage Commanded." Following the morning service there will be held a special meeting of the church, to take action upon the resignation of the pastor, which was presented to the church last Sunday morning.

The Missionary Society will meet in the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon, December 8, at two-thirty. Mrs. Ament, formerly a missionary in China, will speak to the ladies. All are cordially invited.

W. H. Hannaford, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church of the Ascension, the Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cornell, rector. Vested choir. Second Sunday in Advent. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Sermon and holy communion, 11 a. m. All are cordially invited.

ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS

Members of the Congregational church held their annual election of officers on Wednesday evening. The new officers will take up their work at the time of the annual meeting in January when reports for the past year will be presented. Those chosen to fill the various positions were as follows:

Trustees—Messrs. W. S. Hull, Howard Hill and C. F. Gray.
Deacons—Messrs. G. E. Coapman and F. H. Hartman.
Treasurer—Greer Caskey.
Clerk and Auditor—H. W. Timm.
Sunday School Superintendent—F. D. R. Moore.

Organists—Misses Rena Hathorn and Anna Janson.

Ushers—S. R. G. Twycross and C. B. Reas.

Music Committee—Rev. W. H. Hannaford, Mrs. H. W. Timm and Miss Hathorn.

RED CROSS SEALS

School children and others are hard at work disposing of the Red Cross seals provided by the American Society



ety for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Mrs. Amelia Jensen, municipal nurse, has received 15,000 of the stamps, which sell for one cent each. The youngsters are selling them on a commission basis. Most of the proceeds are allowed by the society for local use in the work of the nurse among the sick.

MASONIC ELECTION

Officers for the year 1915 were elected by Sierra Madre Lodge No. 408, F. & A. M., at the lodge meeting on Tuesday evening. Dr. R. H. Mackerras was elected master to succeed H. E. C. Webb; Franklin Biederman was elected senior warden and J. D. Mackerras was elected junior warden, each being promoted a step in the regular succession. C. W. Jones was elected secretary to succeed C. E. Coapman, and C. S. Kersting was re-elected treasurer.

O. E. S. INSTALLATION

The annual installation of officers of Sierra Madre Chapter No. 239 of the Order of Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic lodge hall on Monday evening, December 7. The ceremonies will be witnessed by a number of invited guests.

C. E. SOCIAL

The young people of the Congregational church will hold their last social of the year on Monday evening, December 7th, at the home of Ruth and Sidney Cornuelle, on East Grand View avenue. After the annual election of officers, the members will spend their time dressing dolls and pasting up scrap books for the poor children in the hospitals. All are cordially invited to attend and are asked to either bring or send dress goods to be used for dolls' clothes or picture postcards to be used to paste in the scrap books.

HOME OF TRUTH

The Shining Face is the subject of the discourse at the Home of Truth, corner of Auburn and Carter, at 3:30 p. m. Sunday. All cordially welcome. Services conducted by Harriet C. Hamor. Sunday school at two o'clock. All children welcome.

PLANTING POPPY SEEDS

March 30, 1915, has been designated by the exposition authorities as Poppy Day. It is desired that the whole state have as many poppies in bloom at that time as is possible. A correspondent of the Monrovia News offers the following:

"Take a little pinch of the seed between the thumb and forefinger and sow on the top of ground that has been broken and pulverized. It is advisable with such small seeds, to mix with several times their bulk in sand, sowing all together.

"If the soil is not wet, press it in firmly and cover with a little sand or pure loam mold. This is to prevent baking of the surface after heavy rains.

"It is better to sow the seed in groups, rather than in rows, so that the effect will be more natural. If planted along a roadway or railroad, the most suitable spot would be between the fence posts or at each fence post, where the soil is looser and, being more or less on a ridge, the conditions will be more favorable than if the seed were planted where the ground is level.

"The Eschscholtzia, being a perennial, when once established, will continue to bloom annually, the roots getting stronger from year to year."

HOLIDAY SHIPMENTS

Safety of Christmas Packages Is Largely Dependent On the Sender

"Pack carefully, wrap securely, and address plainly," is the substance of instructions being given out by the postoffice department in regard to Christmas packages, which already have begun to assume their periodical importance at the local office, with Christmas now but a little more than three weeks away. Though some packages have begun to leave for distant points, activity is not yet heavy, though prospects indicate a bumper business.

Attention of patrons is called to the fact that single parcels of twenty pounds can be carried by parcel post to any part of the continental United States, to Alaska, to the Hawaiian Islands, to Canada, and to Cuba. Similarly, eleven-pound parcels can be sent to Mexico and the republic of Panama. Within a distance of 150 miles from the mailing point, packages weighing fifty pounds can be carried by parcel post.

It should be borne in mind that all parcel post packages should bear the name and address not only of the one to whom the parcel is sent but the sender as well. The parcel must not be sealed or first class postage will be required. All addresses should be plainly written. The only writing permitted on the parcels will be the general salutations of the season, such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes," or "Do not open before Christmas." These will be permissible.

Instructions request that all fragile articles be placed in strong wooden boxes to insure safe transit. Some will need to be packed in excelsior or sawdust. Valuable packages should be insured, for which the cost is five cents for a valuation of \$25, ten cents for \$50. Return receipts can be secured on insured packages by the sender indorsing the package "return receipt desired."

NEW P. E. AGENT

Monrovia Daily News.—Next Monday Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mesecar will leave Monrovia for their new home in Sierra Madre, Mr. Mesecar having been appointed Pacific Electric agent at that point.

Mr. Mesecar has been in the employ of the P. E. for the past eight years, five of which were spent in Long Beach, and three here. He has had seventeen years' experience in railroad work, and will fit into the agency at Sierra Madre nicely.

TEN INCHES OF SNOW

Mountains Receive First Heavy Mantle of Whiteness of Season

The mountains received the first mantle of snow for the season on Tuesday morning. The rain which fell in the valley was accompanied by snow in the mountains. When the clouds cleared away sufficiently to permit the range to be seen the beautiful covering came well down on the slopes. Ten inches are reported to have fallen on Mt. Wilson and two or three inches in the west fork of the San Gabriel.

The rain was exceedingly welcome as the brief windstorm which preceded it had stirred up the dust, and owing to dry condition of the soil a dust storm had been looked forward to with dread. The ground is now in excellent condition for fall planting.

DAD AND THE WEEKLY

Sometimes dad says the paper somehow ain't got up just right and does a lot o' kickin' when he reads it Friday night. He says there ain't a dad-burnin' thing in it worth while to read, an' that it doesn't print the kind o' stuff the people need. He throws it in a corner and says it's on the "bum"—but you'd oughter hear him holler when the weekly fails to come.

"He reads about the weddings and snorts like all git out, and he reads the social column with a most derisive shout; he'll fuss and fret and groan, and say they print the papers for the women-folks alone. He says, of information, it does not contain a crumb; but you oughter hear him holler when the weekly fails to come.

He's always first to grab it and he reads it through and through—and he doesn't miss an item nor a want ad, old or new. He says, "they don't know what we want—them darn newspaper guys, I'll take a day off some time and go and put 'em wise." If editors were as wise as "dad," they'd sure be goin' some—but you'd oughter hear him holler when the weekly fails to come.

An' then when dad goes away and stays a day or two, I tell you he gets riled and says what awful things he'll do, if the paper failed to mention him as being out of town—well, he almost had a notion to knock some printer down. He never does, however, when he sees one he is mum, but you'd oughter hear him holler when the paper fails to come.—Exchange.

WHAT TO PLANT

Sierra Madre property owners will have no excuse for not beautifying their grounds for lack of knowledge of what to plant. In another column is presented a list of flower seeds that may be planted now for spring blooming, as submitted to the Woman's club by W. W. Felgate. Herewith is a list of plants and shrubs prepared by Miss Jessie Ward as particularly suitable to conditions in Sierra Madre. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are recommended for shady spots:

Bedding Plants that will blossom this winter—Pansies, Verbenas, Heliotrope, Carnations, Violets, Gallardias, Penstemon, Apple-scented Sage, Roses, Marguerites, Hibiscus, Poinsettias, *Cyclamen, *Japanese Camellia, Azalia, Lantana (dwarf and trailing), Geraniums, Trailing Daisies, Begonias.

Bedding Plants that will blossom Next Spring—Pansies, Verbenas, Heliotrope, Carnations, Gallardias, Penstemon, Apple-scented Sage, Marguerites, Roses, Hibiscus, Azalia, Geraniums, Trailing Daisy, Lantana (dwarf and trailing), Heuchera, Cannas, *Columbine (Aquillegia), *Fuchsia, Gazania, *Begonia, Iris Fringed Shasta.

Bedding Plants that will blossom Next Summer—Verbenas, Heliotrope, Carnations, Gallardias, Penstemon, Roses, Marguerites, Apple-scented Sage, Hibiscus, Geraniums, Trailing Daisy, Cannas, Golden Glow, Perennial Phlox, Tritoma (Red Hot Poker), Lemon Verbena, Plumbago, *Fuchsia, *Hydrangea, *Begonias, Yellow Calla, Coryopsis, Shasta Daisy.

Shrubbery that will blossom this Winter—Cassia Tomentosa, Heather, Hibiscus Laurustinus, Habrotham, Grevillia Thalemaniana, Tecoma Capensis.

Shrubbery that will blossom Next Spring—Abutilon, Bottle Brush, Canary Island Broom, Spanish Broom, Streptoselin, Veronica, Lilac, Pomegranate, Bridal Wreath, Syringa Cantura, Coronilla, Diosma, Fabiana, Grevillia Thalemaniana, Habrotham.

Shrubbery that will blossom Next Summer—Grevillia Thalemaniana, Abutilon, Hibiscus, Plumbago, Tecoma Stans, Veronica, Crape Myrtle, Bird of Paradise, *Hydrangea.

Ornamental Plants—Banana, Dracaena, *Ferns, Palms, Bamboo, Grasses, Hanging Baskets, Porch Plants.

On Friday and Saturday, Mrs. W. A. Evans will entertain several of her college friends at her home on West Central avenue. They will include Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Myrick of Highland Park, Mrs. Whitsell of San Dimas, Miss Daugherty of Hollywood and Miss Moreman of Long Beach.

CAREER OF USEFULNESS BROKEN OFF

Max W. Wolff, Harvard honor student, engineer and formerly city treasurer of Sierra Madre, passed away early Wednesday morning at the family residence on Mountain Trail avenue. Then passed from this life one of the brightest minds and rarely fine spirits ever known in Sierra Madre. The end was peaceful and not unexpected, as Mr. Wolff had been growing steadily weaker for some time, the culmination of a long illness.

Mr. Wolff was born in Albany, New York, and his thirty-second birthday fell on Tuesday of this week. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wolff. His boyhood was passed in Albany and after graduating from high school he entered Harvard University in 1900, making a remarkable scholarship record. For two years he held the Greenleaf scholarship, which is awarded on a merit basis. He completed the four-year curriculum in three years, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904 with the class with which he had entered. He was a member of the honorary fraternity of Phi Eta Kappa, being one of seventeen out of about 2000 possible candidates whose scholarship was so recognized. He specialized in literary and mathematical studies.

During his summers and later at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, Mr. Wolff pursued engineering studies. After leaving school he entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad, later holding positions as assistant engineer with the Board of Water Supply of the City of New York, stationed at Poughkeepsie, and with the State Engineer and Surveyor at Albany.

Entering the United States Reclamation service Mr. Wolff was stationed at various places in Montana and Idaho. He was assistant engineer on one of the big Snake River projects when he was forced to give up his work and come to Southern California in quest of relief from tubercular trouble.

Since 1909 Mr. Wolff has been a resident of Sierra Madre, being joined here by his mother and sister who were with him to the end. His father passed away seven years ago. The bereaved ones have the heartfelt sympathy of a great number of friends.

Although extremely modest and retiring, Mr. Wolff left his impress upon the community in various ways. His brilliant and always active mind took keen interest in public affairs of all kinds and those having to do with public improvements, the library and other matters found his advice helpful, never assertive but always pertinent. He had a genius for system and a rare faculty for classifying intelligibly confused masses of facts and figures. Two years ago he was appointed city treasurer and was later re-elected, setting a new standard of efficiency in city work.

One of Mr. Wolff's last acts was characteristic of his helpful, kindly spirit. On Wednesday afternoon he sent for Mrs. Jensen, municipal nurse, and signed his name for the last time as he indorsed over to her a check which he had just received, saying he wished to make that contribution to her work among the sick and unfortunate.

In accordance with his wish he remains will be cremated. Funeral services will be held in the undertaking parlors of A. T. Gay. The time has not been determined.

THE TOURISTS

Brininstool, in Alhambra Advocate: They are coming from the states where the north winds howl and roar; yes, they're getting on their skates for the California shore. They have had enough of ice, and from snowbanks seek a rest, so they gladly pay the price of a ticket to the West. They are coming out from Maine and from little Jersey, too, to escape the jimmy-cane and the blizzards which are due. There are folks from Buffalo and from Boston on the way, who have had enough of snow and are coming here to stay. They are bringing out the tin which in banks they've salted down, and they're going to blow it in buying real estate in town. They will view our lovely land then will holler in our ear: "Gosh, I cannot understand why I didn't come last year! 'Tis the slickest spot there is on this old terrestrial ball, and I'm going to get in biz and remain for good and all!" That's the way it always goes when the tenderfoot get here from the land of ice and snows, with a badly frosted ear.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mason of West Central avenue, gave a very delightful reception and card party honoring Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Topping, who have recently come to Sierra Madre to make their home. Place cards and table decorations were in Christmas colors, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias being used. Nine tables were arranged for progressive Five Hundred.

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Dog Spooks.

The phantom dog specter was one of the hardest of old English superstitions. Almost every county had its black dog which haunted its lonely spots and was the dread of every native. Most of them were regarded as devils, but some were held to be the spirits of human beings, transformed thus as a punishment. Lady Howard, a Devon notable of the days of James I., for instance, was said to be compelled to haunt Okehampton in the form of a dog as a punishment for her cruelty to her daughter.

The Hourglass.

Instead of being obsolete and simply an interesting relic, the hourglass in various forms is a twentieth century necessity. A machinist authority points out that for such purposes as timing hardening and tempering heats in twist drill manufacture, where seconds or minutes must be gauged accurately, nothing serves like the hourglass with the right amount of sand. Accuracy to fractions of a second can be had much more easily than by watching the hands of a watch.

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Brief Items of Interest

Miss Elida Olsen spent the week end in Azusa as the guest of Miss Lily Krebs.

Mrs. Katherine Criddle of Hermosa avenue is spending several weeks at San Bernardino.

George Humphries, who has been spending the week at Oceanside, arrived home on Wednesday.

Mrs. George L. Buchnell of Minneapolis arrived this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. T. E. Yerxa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Topping returned this week from a fortnight's motor trip to San Francisco.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Evans were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wall of Long Beach.

Miss Bertha Benesh has been seriously ill at her home on East Central avenue. She is recovering rapidly.

John J. Graham and family of Eagle Rock were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Graham on Thanksgiving day.

G. W. E. Masecar of Monrovia has accepted the position of Pacific Electric agent here and is residing on Lowell street.

The Dickens Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, December 9th, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Nourse on West Central avenue.

Mrs. J. G. Blumer entertained the Ancient Prillias very pleasantly at her home on Grand View avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Ball of Washington, D. C., arrived on Thursday and is the guest of Mrs. Louis Dietz. She will spend the winter in Sierra Madre.

Mrs. J. W. Christy, who has been spending several weeks at the home of A. N. Adams, left this week for several weeks' visit at Long Beach.

Mrs. E. L. Yerxa had as luncheon guests on Tuesday Miss Mabel St. John of Whittier, Mrs. Holliday of Los Angeles, and Miss Mistress of Monrovia.

Mrs. E. T. Pierce gave a very comprehensive talk on literature in its different phases to the teachers of the Lamanda Park school on Wednesday afternoon.

The Eleven and One club members were delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Etta Dickson on Tuesday evening. About a dozen young ladies were present.

Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Krebs were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grunn, Mr. Axel Simonson, Miss Margaret Daniels, Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Everett Maxwell.

Among the marriage licenses this week appeared that of Miss Lenore Pogue of Santa Anita, formerly of Sierra Madre, and Alpha Starr of the Sierra Madre villa.

Frank Fraiberg left on Tuesday for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will spend six or seven months. He will assist his brother in the jewelry business during the holiday rush.

Saturday night, Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Krebs were guests at a dinner given in Los Angeles by Mrs. Elizabeth Wagoner, Capt. and Mrs. Palmer and Lieutenant and Mrs. Whitener.

Invitations have been issued for a reception to be given on the night of December 8th, by Mrs. L. C. Torrance for Miss Katherine Torrance, at the Ebell clubhouse, Los Angeles.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Adams were Mrs. Julia Lincoln and daughter, Martha Lincoln, of Pasadena, the Misses Luella and Laura McDaniels and Miss Marguerite Anderson of Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dietz entertained on Saturday night with a very charming informal dinner party at their home on South Baldwin avenue.

A large basket of pink and white roses made an effective centerpiece for the table, and the living room decorations were in the same colors. Progressive Five Hundred was enjoyed by the

guests after the dinner party. The guests included Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ingraham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawless, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Ward, Miss Carrie Adam, and Miss Gladys Walker.

Mrs. Vora Pierce Maull spent the week end at the home of her uncle in Los Angeles, Dr. Frederick E. Pierce, and attended a pre-nuptial shower given in honor of her cousin, who is to be married very soon.

The T. C. B. club spent a pleasant evening at the home of Miss Helen Janson on Friday night. The club girls adjourned in a bunch to the home of Miss Ellen Preston, one of their members, who has been ill for several months, and spent a jolly hour cheering her up.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold their meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the church parlors. The speakers will be Mrs. W. S. Ament of Claremont, for years a missionary to China.

Mrs. Guoyete of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. L. Anderson of Bonita avenue.

One of the literary women's clubs of Los Angeles were the guests of Mrs. Starling at Carter's Camp on Wednesday. About twenty-five ladies were present, and luncheon was served at the club house. Later in the afternoon the business meeting and literary program were held at the A. N. Carter home.

Quite a good deal of building has been going on in Sierra Madre lately. Dr. R. H. Mackerras is having a new office built on the front part of his residence on Central avenue. Mr. Thomas of Grand View avenue is also making extensive improvements on his home. He is building an addition on and putting up a fine stone wall.

TOURNAMENT PREPARATIONS

With more than a score of Pacific coast cities co-operating in a great series of fairs, fetes and tournaments for the entertainment of the multitude of visitors next year, Pasadena is accorded the honor of firing the first volley. It will be a volley of roses.

Pasadena is the pioneer festival city of the West and its Tournament of Roses, January 1, 1915, will be the twenty-sixth annual event of the kind. As it will be the opening event of exposition year, the Tournament of 1915 will surpass all past efforts. One exceptionally interesting feature of the coming Tournament will be the civic division.

Thirty cities already have promised to enter floral floats in this division and all Southern California is showing a greater disposition to co-operate in the event than ever before.

One perfectly legitimate reason for this is that the various cities represented will get better advertising than ever before. Not only will the Tournament be seen by the advance guard of the year's exposition crowds but it will be snapped by many moving picture cameras and all the companies manufacturing current events pictures will be represented.

The Los Angeles county 1915 general committee is co-operating with Tournament officials in urging all Southern California cities to enter floats in the magnificent parade, and to otherwise help the floral festival, which is of as much benefit to all southern counties as to Pasadena itself.

The sports program in the afternoon will be one of the big events of the year. Four entries already have been made for the Roman chariot races. Other features of the program will be high class sports with world famous athletes entered. There will be a field and track meet for high school and college athletes. Boyd Comstock, famous athlete and coach, will have charge. Probably fifty high schools will enter teams.

Ladies who have seen our array of Thoughtful Little Gifts from the Pohlson Galleries declare them to be the most charming ever brought out. If you want something to delight the feminine heart here is the place to get it. The News Printery.

DANCING CLASS

At Woman's Club House Friday evening at eight o'clock. Dances taught as standardized by the American Association of Professors of Dancing in New York September 5. Private lessons by appointment. Social hour from 9:30 to 10:45. 9-10*

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**Economy
Hints**

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Benjamin Franklin.

IT is certainly time for the home gardener to think of caring for the surplus from the garden.

Wise home growers have planned on having a sufficient supply of choice vegetables during the winter. These vegetables will have to be stored in order that they may be preserved. Onions and squash should be placed where there is sufficient heat and dryness to prevent any possible decay.

The root crops—parsnips, carrots, beets, salsify, and turnips—are best buried in soil. A good sandy loam is excellent. Place a layer of soil in the bottom of a barrel or box, then a layer of roots, a layer of soil and so on. If the quantity of root crops is large enough the roots may be stored in a pit outside the house. A good way is to pile the vegetables in a conical form and place straw over them. Soil should be applied to cover this straw and more soil or manure added as the weather becomes colder.

Sometimes a hotbed pit is used for storage, particularly if adequate facilities for ventilation are given and if protection from oversupply of water is afforded by covering the tops of the beds with boards and tarred paper. Protection should also be given against excessive cold by applying refuse over the tarred paper.

Cabbages may be stored in the hotbed pit or in the garden by placing a little straw on the ground, removing the cabbages, roots and all from their location and placing them heads downward on this straw. A layer of cabbages four plants wide and of indefinite length, with another layer over it three plants wide, all covered with straw and soil, will cause the cabbages to keep in the best condition, especially if a location is chosen where ample drainage is possible.

The whole aim in the storage of vegetables is to prevent sudden freezing and thawing, to give ventilation enough so that the product may keep well, to give moisture enough to some crops so that shrinking will be done away with and with other crops, squashes and onions in particular, to give heat enough so that they will not suffer from excessive moisture.

RENOVATING HINT.

How to Use Some Stains For Pine Floors.

How can the ordinary pine floor be made presentable without covering it with a carpet? This is a problem which is perplexing many housewives.

A number of stains and varnishes which have proved satisfactory for such floors have been worked out by students in household management in the home economics department at the college of agriculture, university of Wisconsin.

Before applying the stains the floor should be carefully smoothed with sandpaper or steel wool. If the floor is soft or very old fill the pores of the wood and all cracks with a filler. A good paste for this purpose may be made from whitening or starch mixed with either oil or turpentine. Shellac varnish is often sufficient if the larger cracks are first filled with the paste mixture. The floor should dry for twenty hours and be sandpapered for a second time before the stain is applied.

Here is a good method for giving a pine floor a pleasing finish with a slightly yellow maple color: Apply two coats of a mixture of one-half ounce burnt umber, one quart of raw linseed oil and two and one-half ounces of yellow ochre. Allow the floor to dry well and then wax.

To give a floor a good brown tinge make a stain of one pint boiled linseed oil, one tablespoonful burnt umber, one pint of turpentine, one tablespoonful sienna and two tablespoonfuls chrome yellow. This stain will serve as a filler as well as a finish on a smooth floor with no cracks. Apply two coats and then wax.

For a light finish for a pine floor apply ammonia before the filler to penetrate the wood and darken it slightly. After the filler is dry sandpaper and apply two coats of varnish, rubbing each coat with powdered pumice stone.

How to Make the Delicious Pinoche For the Kiddies.

This is a delicious candy easily made and wholesome for the children, tasting like maple.

Boil two cupfuls of brown sugar, one-half cupful of milk or cream, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt and two lumps of butter the size of a walnut, stirring constantly. Have ready a cupful of ice water. When the sirup begins to darken and thicken try in the ice water. If it will roll into a soft ball under the fingers remove from stove, add one-half teaspoonful of vanilla and a cupful of nut meats which have previously been chopped fine. Walnuts, peanuts or pecans are good. For variety a cupful of cut-up marshmallows or coconut may be used.

Beat hard until it begins to thicken on the spoon; then turn into buttered tins. It will "set" almost immediately, when it can be cut into squares. Put into the icebox for ten minutes. If not crisp it has not been well beaten.

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A high, close fitting tongue incrust ed with rhinestones served instead of a



FANCY HOSIERY AND PUMPS.

buckle on a black satin slipper, which also had a rim of rhinestones around the top of the heel.

Illustrated here are handsome black silk stockings and tango pumps in patent leather. Jet beads combined with white embroidery one pair of stockings, while an embroidered bracelet is seen upon the other. The paste buckle upon the pumps is a pleasing decorative touch.

SCHOOL TIME LUNCHEES.

The Children Should Always Have Something Warm at Noon.

In a great many cases children can come home for lunch if they take a car. The mother should send her child to the school nearest home. In this way they can come home at noon and be sure of a good meal instead of the trashy stuff which they are apt to consume if they buy luncheons.

When it is impossible for the children to come home it is a far wiser idea to put up a lunch for them to take to school—meat sandwiches, eggs and, if there is a vacuum bottle to be had, hot chocolate or soup.

All these nutritious things can be put in the lunch box or basket. Sufficient money may be given them for a plate of soup or a cupful of hot cocoa at school. But the solid foods should be given them at home to be carried to school. In this way the mother can be sure her child is eating good, wholesome food.

This is really most important, as nothing affects a child's health so quickly as improper nutrition, and when the little ones are confined to a schoolroom for many hours they are in need of sustenance.

SHARPEN CUTLERY.

If the Knives Are Dull the Tenderest Turkey Will Seem Tough.

In preparing for the Thanksgiving dinner there are also a few little details relative to the comfort of the guests that it is well to be mindful of. People will be sure to think the tenderest turkey is tough if the table knives are dull. In a small household where only one servant is kept the housewife should overlook the knives and forks and see that the silver is properly polished and also closely scrutinize the plates and glasses before asking her guests to use them. And in nine cases out of ten she will find some defect in cleaning and will be mighty thankful she has done so, for there is a kind of fate that always lays the dull knife or the smeary fork in front of the most fastidious visitor.

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Once more Columbia university, in New York, claims the most students—10,961—while for California the figure is 8481. But of the Columbia total, 5590 are summer session students; of the California total, 3179, so in full-course students Columbia and California are practically equal in numbers.

Here is how the University of California now compares in number of students with other great American universities (according to figures for this fall just compiled by Henry T. Claus for the Boston Transcript):

Columbia	10,961
California	8,481
Pennsylvania	7,368
Michigan	6,302
New York university	5,875
Illinois	5,630
Ohio State university	5,395
Wisconsin	4,901
Cornell	4,848
Northwestern	4,632
Harvard	4,516
Syracuse	4,090
Nebraska	3,793
Yale	3,289
Washington	2,738
Iowa	2,725
Pennsylvania State	2,246
Purdue	1,961
Stanford	1,884
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1,818
Princeton	1,665

When the University of California reopens January 11, 1915, for the second half year, several hundred new students, freshmen, advanced or graduate, will begin their work at Berkeley, so a still greater total will be recorded for the year as a whole. And the next summer session, from June 21 to July 31, coming as it does during the Panama-Pacific exposition, is expected to break all its past records and enroll many thousands of students from all parts of the continent.

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Washington's Farewell Address.

Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence, I conjure you to believe me, fellow citizens, the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake, since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none or a remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities.

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"Paw."

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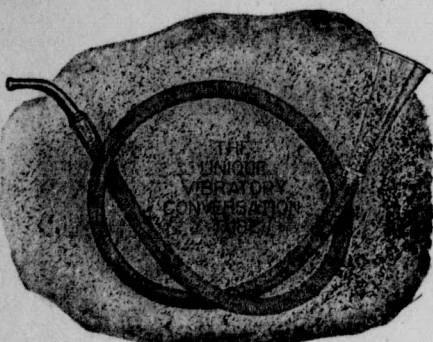
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DIRECT LEGISLATION ABUSES

That the California laws providing the initiative, referendum and recall are not perfect has been admitted from the start by their most ardent supporters. But when they are revised they should be revised by friends of the principles involved. For that reason the News is glad to give space to portions of a communication from Dr. John R. Haynes, president of the Direct Legislation league in California. Dr. Haynes writes:

The initiative, referendum and recall in California have proven successful beyond the hopes of their supporters. In city, county and state elections the people have used these measures with wonderful wisdom and discrimination. These measures, however, are new and in their details must be modified from time to time as experience may show to be necessary. Every good thing, however, is subject to abuse and direct legislation is no exception. Among the abuses which have developed are the following:

1—Forgery of signatures in the circulation of petitions.

2—Misrepresentation both oral and written on the part of circulators to prospective signers as to the purpose and nature of the measures.

3—General abuses by selfish and corrupt interests in attempting to use these measures to initiate bad legislation, to delay good legislation and to recall honest officials.

Punish Misrepresentation

It is now a felony to forge signatures to a petition. It should also be made a felony to misrepresent either orally or in writing the purpose or character of a petition. I think, too, in view of the indifference of prosecuting attorneys in certain localities, that the right of action should lie with any citizen, as is now the case with the Red Light Abatement act.

The practice of certain registration officials in rejecting bona fide names on technical grounds has led to grave abuses. Some officials, while winking at wholesale forgeries in the case of petitions to which they are friendly, in the case of petitions to which they are hostile, throw out large numbers of names because of some such technicality as that the name entered on the Great Register as John G. Smith, 200 Howard street appears on the petition as J. G. Smith, 200 Howard street. The law should be changed so as to deprive officials of the power to reject honest signatures on technicalities, and to force them, if possible, to greater vigilance in rejecting fraudulent signatures.

Make Purpose Plain

In addition to these penal provisions against fraud, I think there should be a legal requirement providing that every petition shall contain in addition to the complete text of the measures:

(a) A title stating the general purpose, and

(b) An epitome of not more than 200 words giving the substance of the measure.

The title and epitome should be written by, or at least be approved by, a judicial officer of the state. In local petitions this power might be placed with the presiding justice of the Superior Court; in state petitions, with the Attorney General or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Such a judicial safeguard would, I think, greatly diminish the opportunity to fraudulently misrepresent the character of the petition. The title would plainly denote the general purpose of the measure and the official epitome would nearly always prevent the insertion of jokers treacherously inserted for hidden purposes. The knowledge that measures must be submitted to a judicial officer would prevent many vicious measures from ever being started.

Drafting Measures

Difficulties in direct legislation arise not only from corrupt and selfish interests who pervert its use; but also from our best citizens, in many cases, who lack legal training and legislative experience and consequently fail to draft their measures so as to carry out their real intentions. Our State Legislative Reference bureau now furnishes its free service to members of

the legislature. I think it should be developed to a high state of efficiency and offer its services free to any citizen desirous of framing legislation. It should not only have available the texts of laws of every sort, enacted or proposed, in other states and countries, but should actively assist any citizen soliciting its aid in the work of actually drafting specific measures.

Another change in the law involving no expense whatever would prove of great benefit in the election just held. The voters' handbooks, containing the texts of the measures submitted together with arguments for and against, did not reach the voters until a few days before the election. In some cases they did not arrive until after the election. The law by all means should be changed so that voters will receive their handbooks not less than thirty days before election.

Undesirable Remedies

We now come to the general subject of the abuse of the initiative, referendum and recall by selfish and corrupt interests for evil ends. The referendum on the Red Light Abatement act and on the Blue Sky law and the recall of Senator Grant are cases in point, the last, unfortunately, being successful. Various proposals have been offered to lessen these evils, among others:

1—Making payment to circulators of petitions illegal.

2—Increase in the percentage required in petitions.

3—Requirement of a given percentage in a proportionate number of the legislative or other districts of the state.

4—The requirement that signatures to petitions be made in the office of a registering official.

To all of these suggestions the writer is unalterably opposed. Experience everywhere has shown that the imposition of onerous restrictions upon the use of the initiative, referendum and recall for the purpose of rendering difficult their abuse by the selfish individual or corporation, has seldom fettered their activities seriously; while, on the other hand, it has handicapped to a very deplorable degree, the honest and unselfish citizen laboring for good legislation in the public interest.

Paid Circulators

With reference to the prohibition of paid circulators, the writer wishes to quote from a letter written by him October 10, 1913, in answer to an inquiry from Legislative Reference Librarian W. T. Donaldson, Columbus, Ohio. This question was then under consideration by the Ohio legislature. The portion quoted has a bearing also upon the other three remedies proposed.

"I am of the opinion that it would be exceedingly unwise to prohibit the use of paid canvassers in the circulation of initiative, referendum and recall petitions. I believe that such a prohibition would make it almost impossible for the people to make use of these provisions; while corporations and the liquor interests would find a way to evade the law and use these measures for their own purposes. If prohibited by law from paying circulators, they will utilize their own organized forces to circulate their measures. If necessary, they will dock the regular wages of their employees for the days so spent; but will make it up later through Christmas gifts or temporary increase of wages or otherwise. By one subterfuge or another they will evade any law that can be drafted along these lines."

Excessive Use of Direct Legislation Not Likely

With reference to increasing the percentage required on petition, such a change like the prohibition of paid circulators would be disastrous to any attempts to use these measures on the part of the people and would offer little hindrance to the activities of corporations. Bearing in mind the fact that from now on the required number of signatures on petitions will be doubled, it will not come as a surprise to me if we find, in a few years, that it will be necessary, instead of increasing the percentages required, to decrease them; or perhaps we may come to favor the Swiss system of absolute numbers which, I believe, is also in use in the state of Maine. In Switzerland 50,000 signatures invoke the initiative and 30,000 the referendum. The increase of population is disregarded.

A friend is one who gives help rather than advice.

The submarine is mightier than the Dreadnought.

It isn't only the worldly people who want the earth.

Contentment is found in not wanting what you can't get.

And lots of people do not work as much as they wait.

It looks easier to bombard Przemyśl than to pronounce it.

Think of the havoc being wrought on the European guidebooks.

A good husband is an asset, but a worthless one is a liability.

Something else to worry about, the "risks" of premature peace.

Opportunity is delivering double knocks on Uncle Sam's door.

There seem to be more blockheads in the world than wooden legs.

What the world still seems to need is a soft drink that people don't tire of.

Though haste is not always advisable, it is preferable to procrastination.

A tax on war talk would produce enough revenue to pay the national debt.

If fewer persons lived in glass houses there would be less fun in throwing stones.

All very well for Europe to wipe out old scores, but she is running up some new ones.

It must have been a seasick man who said you couldn't eat your cake and keep it.

It's all up with the army aviator when he complies with an invitation to drop down.

A skeptic is merely a person who doesn't share the good opinion you have of yourself.

We should never be too anxious to see ourselves as others see us. It might hurt our feelings.

Some promising youths keep on promising all of their lives and do not accomplish much.

There must be something fishy in the report that ichthyol has gone up on account of the war.

You can make some people almost as mad by talking about them as you can by ignoring them.

If every man has his price it's no wonder we feel so cheap when we realize we have been sold.

War is terrible. The dowager Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz has lost her English pension.

It may be time for the Balkan states to appoint a commission to investigate alleged outrages in Europe.

The longer you live the more you become convinced that Noah had more than two jackasses in the ark.

Perhaps, however, what that chap who said it meant was that truth is stranger to some people than fiction.

After Europe has had enough of famous victories it will stop awhile and consider what it is fighting for.

The world's supply of lead may be short, but the fact remains that, even at that, it seems to be entirely too big.

Still it may be worth something to reflect that \$100,000,000 in war taxes would only run Europe's war two days.

There may be such a thing as civilized warfare, but the reports received up to date do not aid us particularly in locating it.

One of the most cheering of sights during this raging war is that of Uncle Sam smilingly signing peace treaties with all comers.

It has been discovered in Chicago that a woman cannot successfully deal with an excited and turbulent woman. Well, can a man?

Of course it is just possible that the New York couple that danced their way to the altar will wish they had first learned the hesitation glide.

Holland has devised a sort of flour from ground tulip bulbs. Thus one of the chief sources of Dutch pride becomes a staff of life in emergency.

The diseased and infirm are not drafted for war. The infirm and the diseased are "invalided" home. The eugenic outlook in Europe is about as bad as it could be.

Whale beef, heretofore regarded as waste, is being canned in Alaska. Sailors are said to like it, but the question is, will land lubbers encourage blubber landers?

The reason the warring countries turn to Uncle Sam for a decision on the allegations of offside plays, holding in the line, foul tackles, etc., is that he is about the only one on the side lines.

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